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For: SAMPLE TREATING KIT AND SAMPLE
TREATING METHOD USING THE SAME
FOR ANALYSIS WITH A BIOSENSOR

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AMENDMENT (SUPPLEMENTAL) WITH REQUEST

FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

In response to the Office Action, mailed April 3, 2002 (Paper No. 15) and the Advisory Action (Paper No. 17), mailed August 8, 2002, please consider the following remarks and amendments. This response is timely filed on September 3, 2002 (in view of the Petition for Extension of time up to and including September 3, 2002, filed herewith) and accompanies a Request for Continued Examination.

This amendment is supplemental to the Amendment After Final, filed June 27, 2002, ("the prior response") the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference, and for which admittance was requested in the Request for Continued Examination.

Kindly amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 19, 24, and 29 to read as follows:

19. (Twice amended) A sample solution treating instrument comprising:

- (a) a sample introducing part;
- (b) a control means for converting a sample solution to a condition for

analysis by a biosensor that electrochemically measures a specific component in the sample solution, wherein the control means comprises an agent selected from the group consisting of a catalyst that converts an interfering substance in the sample solution to a harmless substance having no adverse

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